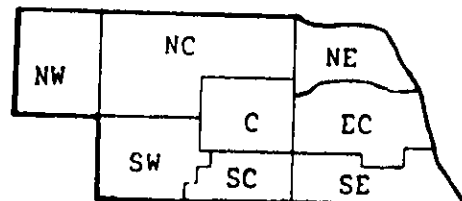


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WEATHER

Above seasonal temperatures prevailed during the entire period. Daytime temperatures were as much as 20 to 25 degrees above normal. The week was dry and windy.

CROPS

Dry weather this past week has been ideal for harvesting fall crops. Dry weather allowed good field drying as well as more hours per day for harvesting. The dry weather has created a fire hazard in pastures in some areas and has limited wheat growth in other areas.

Topsoil moisture supplies declined further from the previous week to 99% short. Subsoil moisture supplies were nearly the same as last week with 96% short. A year ago topsoil was 99% short and subsoil was 100% short.

Corn harvest progressed well this past week with nearly 35% harvested to date. This is slightly ahead of last year's 30% and well ahead of the normal 15%. Moisture content is reportedly running mostly in the 15 to 20% range. Damage from corn borer has created problems in some areas, but farmers have limited their losses by harvesting early.

Sorghum harvest continued at a rapid pace last week and is now over 70% completed. This compares to 40% last year and 25% for normal. Moisture content has been reportedly running about 15%.

CROPS (Cont.)

Soybean maturity has been near normal but the dry weather has allowed faster than normal harvesting. To date, nearly 70% has been harvested, ahead of a year ago at 60% and well ahead of normal at 40%.

Wheat seeding is relatively unchanged from a week ago at 95%. Some are planting or will plant wheat on soybean ground. Moisture is needed in most areas in order to provide adequate growth this fall. Of the counties reporting, 24% assess the wheat condition as poor, 51% as fair, and 25% as good.

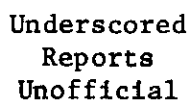
Alfalfa hay harvest has slowed somewhat with about 85% of the fourth cutting completed.

Dry bean harvest proceeded well and is virtually complete at this time. Sugar beet harvest began at a good pace but has slowed down due to the warm weather this past week. Yield and sugar content appear to be good.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies declined to 92% short. A year ago all counties reporting were short. Cattle are being moved to stalk fields as soon as they become available. Cattle in some areas are being fed supplemental hay or silage because of short pasture feed.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1975



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1975

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches <u>1</u> / <u>100</u>
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	93	27	59	--	0
	Scottsbluff	91	29	59	+6	T
	Sidney	88	28	58	--	0
NC	Burwell	85	32	62	--	0
	Valentine	88	28	60	+7	0
NE	Norfolk	91	33	63	+7	0
	Sioux City	92	32	63	+7	0
CEN	Grand Island	93	36	65	+8	0
EC	Lincoln	93	37	65	+7	0
	Omaha	95	38	65	+6	0
SW	Imperial	91	31	60	--	0
	North Platte	88	25	59	+5	0

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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